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TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA

SUBJ: NAMIBIA: THE CITIZEN SPECULATES ON NEXT MOVES

1. THE PRO-SAG "THE CITIZEN", IN A MAY 15 ARTICLE BY JAPP  
THERON IN CAPE TOWN, REPORTS "SOUTH AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC  
OBSERVERS" AS SAYING THE WESTERN FIVE ARE NOW SHOWING SIGNS  
"OF USING SOUTH AFRICA'S RAID INTO ANGOLA AS A REASON WHY  
THE SWA PEACE INITIATIVE TALKS SHOULD BE REOPENED." THE  
SOURCES, ACCORDING TO THERON, SAY THERE IS NO PROOF YET OF  
A CHANGE IN THE WESTERN POSITION THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE  
FINAL, BUT THE WESTERN FIVE'S ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AGAIN  
WITH SWAPO AND CERTAIN FRONTLINE STATES IS A STRONG  
INDICATION THAT THEY WANT TO USE THE ANGOLA RAID AS A  
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PLATFORM FROM WHICH THEY COULD RECONSIDER ONE OR TWO PROVISIONS  
OF THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. THE SOUTH AFRICAN STANDPOINT,  
THERON REPORTS, IS THAT THE PLAN IS A CONCLUSIVE ONE  
AND THAT IT WOULD SIMPLY NOT BE PREPARED TO REOPEN  
OR RENEGOTIATE THE TERMS.

2. THERON CONCLUDES THAT IF THE WESTERN FIVE DO NOT

COME UP WITH SUBSTANTIAL MOVES THIS WEEK TO TAKE THEIR  
PLAN TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, IT SHOULD NOT BE  
SURPRISING IF THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL ANNOUNCES A  
TIMETABLE AND A TARGET FOR ELECTIONS.

3. THE FRONT PAGE HEADLINE ARTICLE IN THE SAME  
ISSUE OF "THE CITIZEN", AIDA PARKER REPORTS THE DAMAGE  
TO SOUTH AFRICA'S IMAGE IN THE US WHICH HAS BEEN  
CREATED BY PORTRAYAL OF THE MAY 4 RAID INTO ANGOLA AS  
AN ATROCITY. PARKER NOTES THAT WIDE COVERAGE WAS GIVEN  
IN US MEDIA TO A NEWS PHOTOGRAPH OF A MASS GRAVE FOR  
THE VICTIMS OF THE RAID. MANY ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN GROUPS,  
PARKER ALLEGES, "ARE STRIVING TO CORRELATE SOUTH AFRICAN  
ACTION WITH THE RECENT SHOCK TV SERIES HOLOCAUST DEVOTED  
TO ATROCITIES AGAINST THE JEWS IN NAZI GERMANY."  
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